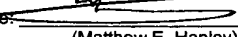


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to an orthopedic trial augment,
- II. Claims 15-19, drawn to an orthopedic trial implant, or
- II. Claims 20-31, drawn to a method of augmenting an orthopedic trial implant.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-14. Applicant reserves the

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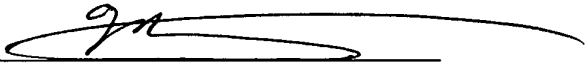
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right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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